

Drugs in America Today: What Every Judge Needs to Know

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Fentanyl. Trauma. Co-occurring disorders.

This course goes beyond the headlines to equip you with courtroom-ready insights for handling substance use cases.

Judging in the 2020s means navigating fentanyl epidemics, synthetic drugs, mental health crises, and more. This course equips you with cutting-edge science, trauma-informed practices, and practical strategies for effective adjudication. This course is designed for judges at all levels who encounter substance-related issues in their courts, including:

Criminal Court Judges - Stay informed on today's rapidly evolving drug landscape, including fentanyl, methamphetamine, and synthetic opioids. Learn practical sentencing strategies and how to respond effectively to addiction and relapse.

Family & Juvenile Court Judges - Understand the deep connections between substance use, trauma, and family instability. Gain tools to evaluate rehabilitation progress, parental fitness, and support youth and families in crisis.

Drug & Problem-Solving Court Judges - Dive into psychopharmacology, treatment modalities, and relapse prevention. Strengthen your approach to accountability and long-term recovery.

Tribal Court Judges - Explore culturally responsive strategies and trauma-informed approaches for communities disproportionately affected by substance use and intergenerational trauma.

General Jurisdiction Judges - Whether you serve in a rural or urban area, if substance use cases cross your docket, this course will help you better recognize addiction-related behavior and apply practical courtroom responses.

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Sessions include

- Relapse & Prevention In Substance Use Disorders
- Points Of Reference In Substance Use Disorders Treatment & Management
- Alcohol & Other Drugs: Psychopharmacology
- PTSD & Complex Family Trauma
- Co-Occurring Disorders In Substance Use Disorder
- Trauma Informed Court & Vicarious Trauma
- Effective Sentencing Options

This isn't just another drug course.
It's a comprehensive toolkit for judges
who want to understand addiction,
trauma, relapse, and justice.

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